

REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended to recite that the substituted cyclodextrin material is present at a concentration of about 1 to 2000 ppm based on the total weight of the polymer. Support for this amendment is found at page 10, line 2-5 and in Figures 3-7 showing that 2000 ppm (0.20 wt%) of the substituted cyclodextrin is used beneficially to obtain aldehyde reduction in the polyester. The specification has been amended to recite related applications and the Abstract has been amended to improve readability.

The claims as written and present in this case relate to various aspects of the thermoplastic chip comprising the substituted cyclodextrin used in making members, preforms, beverage containers and other aspects of the invention.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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